New Medals for August!

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It feels as though summer just began, and yet, at least here, school will be getting back into session this week. Making this particular summer that much more peculiar is the fact that it has also been rather unseasonably cool. In fact, by the time that the sun is setting on most evenings, you would get the sense that it's actually autumn already. The oppressive summer heat still most likely has some days or weeks coming, possibly well into September, but it has thus far been rather unusually mild.

For this month's first of two uploads, we have a trio of non-satirical Goetz medals, some attractively toned silver medals, a couple flashy white metal British issues, a spartan-yet-contemplative BAMS medal, a Hungarian satirical medal, a Beaux-Arts classic by Chaplain that has an important South African connection, a stunning Köln Cathedral medal, and a great Bohemian award plaque. Here are some of the highlights:

GREAT BRITAIN. William Shakespeare white metal Medal. Issued 1858 for the foundation of the Royal Dramatic College. By William Joseph Taylor in London. Rated as RRR in BHM.

FRANCE & SOUTH AFRICA. Paris International Expo bronze Award Medal. Issued 1900 as the official prize [awarded to George Rouillot]. By Jules-Clément Chaplain at the Paris mint. The awardee was an important figure in the history of gold mining in South African, serving as president of the syndicate from 1898-1902.

HUNGARY. Bull and Bear Markets bronze Medal. Issued 1923. By Szántó Gergely. The markets in human form and just 6 years before the Great Depression.

GERMANY. Ludwig van Beethoven silver Medal. Issued 1927 for the 100th anniversary of the death of the composer. By Karl Goetz at the München mint. PCGS SP-63, and the only such example of the type in the PCGS census.

GERMANY. Martin Luther bronze Medal. Issued 1930 for the 400th anniversary of his stay in Coburg Castle under the protection of Johann the Steadfast (60mm). By Karl Goetz at the München mint. Another non-satirical Goetz piece with great portraiture.

ITALY. Vatican City. Pope Pius XII silver Medal. Issued Year XX (1958). Commemorating the new Vatican radio transmitting center in Santa Maria di Galeria. By Aurelio Mistruzzi at the Rome mint. A cosmically toned medal that touches upon the growing importance of radio communication.

GREAT BRITAIN. "A Shadow" cast bronze Medal. Issued 2004 (45mm x 41mm, 97.16 g). By Megan Walsham for the British Art Medal Society, and cast by the Falmouth College of Arts. One of just 18 made.

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